

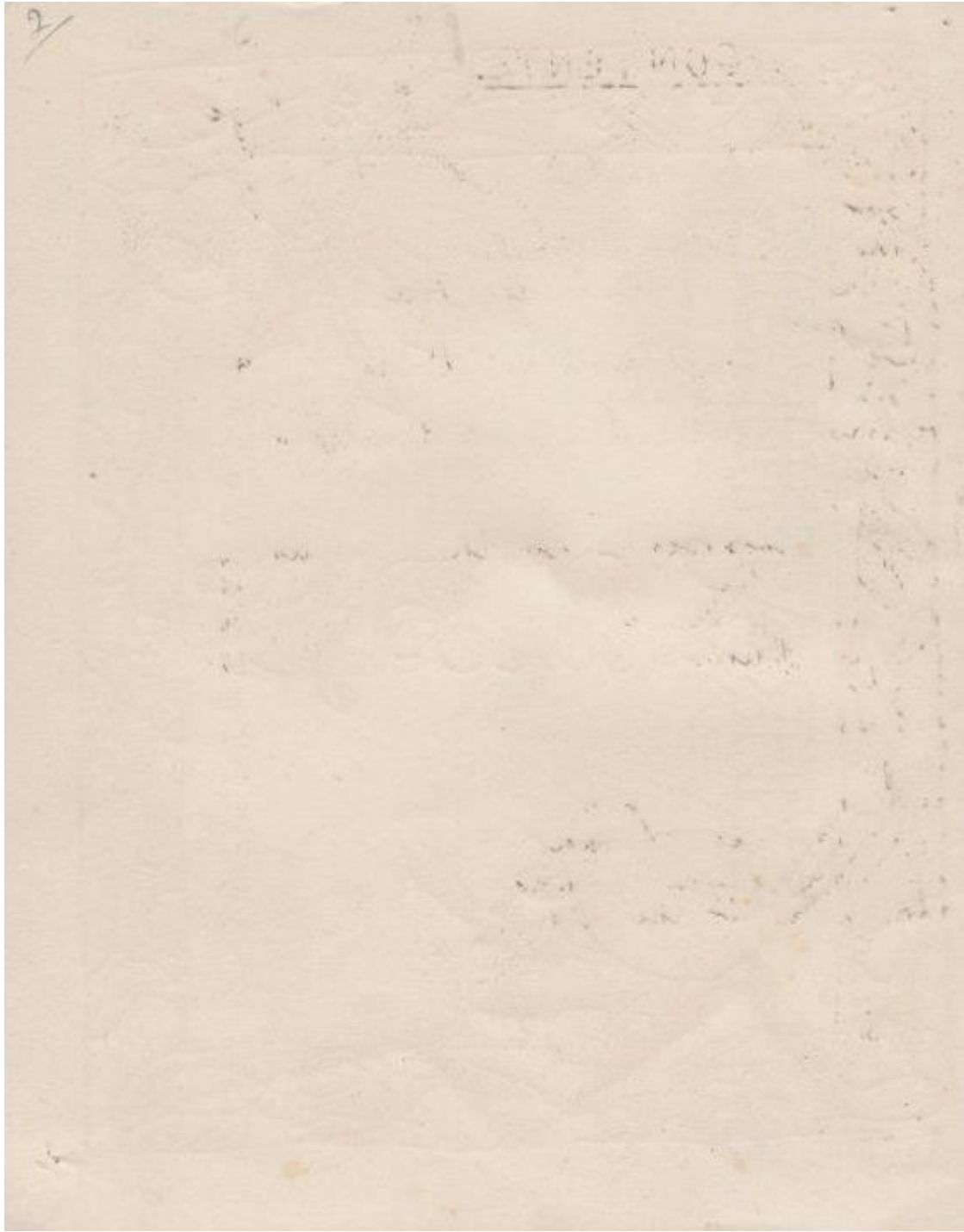


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Apothecary of the STRATTON SENIOR SCHOOL







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Ed Home Room,
Upper Stratton Senior School.

My dear Readers,

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. How time flies! It hardly seems possible that twelve months have flown away since last good old "Father Christmas" was with us. May we all capture the spirit of Christmas. If we try to make someone else happy, we shall surely be happy ourselves. Let us, too, try to remember that Christmas day is a day of "Peace and Goodwill", and also try to practice "Peace and Goodwill" towards all in the coming year. If we all individually tried to carry it out, we should soon have this lovely spirit becoming world wide.

We are very sorry to lose so many scholars this term; and we wish them the best of luck in whatever occupation they may take up. The school door will be open wide to all those who would like to return after the holidays. Make the best of your "school days" - you will never regret it.

G. L. Chappell.
(Editress for this issue.)

A Visit to the Market

On Friday October 12th 10 girls went to the Swindon Market. It was a beautiful sunny morning and we started off at 10 o'clock. We walked down to the Cross Roads, and there we caught a bus to the Centre. After that we walked. At last we arrived at the Market.

We all had little books and a pencil to put down all different things we could see and their prices, as we went round all the stalls. One lady was ever so kind and she told us all about the fruit on her stall, and the prices and where it came from. We had written down many things, fruit butter bacon, polish, etc. in fact everything we could see. Miss Chappell said she would give 2d to the one who had the most written down. At half-past eleven we started back to the Cross Roads. We enjoyed it very much and we want to go again. It was 12 o'clock when we arrived back to school.

(AUDREY RICHARDS 10)

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A Tour Round

On Sunday last I went for a tour around Malmesbury, Cirencester, Highworth, and Bricklade and a very pleasant time I had.

Malmesbury Abbey is in ruins now, and there are grass mounds growing where parts have fallen down.

Just before we got to Cirencester there was a field which ran down in a slope and a lot of water was at the bottom. There was a man with a pair of waders on in the water. He had a box on the end of a long piece of rope, and was collecting the logs of wood which were floating about.

All the fields around were flooded when we came to Bricklade, and if it had not been for the small hedges which were showing, it would have been one stretch of water and each side. Some of the orchards were under water and only just one or two tops of trees were showing. In some places where it was worse, I could hardly believe these were fields: for the scene looked like the sea-side, and the houses like Noah's ark on the water.

(Miss Greening 1887)

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For the Old Folks of Stratton

In January, 1872, Miss Sarah Ann Brooke commenced duties as Head Mistress of the Upper Stratton "Board School" in Green Lane. She was then 25. If living, she would now be 89. A scholar then 12 would now be 76. But few children then remained at school after 12.

Miss Brooke was worried much by the "backwardness" of the "fatehoods" and the "low moral tone" of her charges, which comprised all the 110 scholars of Upper Stratton.

There was no class room, and only one assistant teacher, Mary Ann Greenaway, who was then 16! When Mary was ill, Elizabeth Baughn came to assist in "teaching." Poor Mary was too ill even to take the "Candidate" examination, so Susan Greenaway took it instead.

His Majesty's Inspector visiting here then was Mr. Mined, who is remembered by the present Headmaster with affection as an inspector of his boyhood in Gloucestershire.

A Mr. and Mrs. Tuckett took the greatest interest in the school at that time.

Poor Miss Brooke only stayed three years: for to use her own words, "We have a schoolmaster coming next week"!!!

And he was "I (Tom Whittle)".

The Planting of the Jubilee Tree

On November 7th at 3 p.m. in the Recreation ground Mr. Darling, C.C. planted a cedar tree (*Juniperus Atalanta glauca*) given by Mr. Blake, J.P., in commemoration of the King and Queen's Silver Jubilee Year.

Mr. Blake would have planted the tree himself, but owing to an accident he was unable to be present. We were all very sorry he could not be with us.

Some children from the Senior School attended: but unfortunately it was very wet, so there were not many others present.

Mr. Darling made an interesting little speech, and at the end of the ceremony we gave three hearty cheers for their Majesties, Mr. Darling and Mr. Blake. The tree appears to be growing nicely now, and will be of great interest in future years to everyone.

Mary Warren II
1911

Fruit Jacks

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1 lb Quaker Oats;
2 dessert sp. syrup;
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb brown sugar;
6 ozs butter or margarine.

cream sugar and fat well.
Add syrup; mix oats into mixture.
Spread out on baking sheet and cook $\frac{1}{2}$ hr in moderate oven.

(Domestic Science Instructors.)

A Cure for Chilblains.

Get a lump of home-made lard, and a little mustard mix together with an old knife until it becomes as smooth paste. Make a poultice; place on chilblains. Leave it on through the night; take off in morning. Put another on at night. In about three days the chilblains will disappear.

(with the patient)

A Cure for Warts

Get a lump of soda; make it damp. Rub on warts as often as possible. Use the same piece of soda every time. Rub in two or three times a day. After three or four days the warts will go away. (In disgust.)

(L. Kirby II A)

A visit to the Dairy

On a Thursday morning, recently our class I.B., went down to the ^{co-operative} milk factory in Colbourne Street.

The manager took us up into a small room, where the milk was tested. He showed us how milk was tested for water, fat and bacteria.

To find out if the milk was clean, drops of it were put into an incubator and baked for three days. By that time the bacteria had grown and it was possible to tell if the farmers from whom the milk came, had clean buckets, clean hands and clean cows, or if the cows had a disease.

We then went down a flight of stairs, and the manager left us. The farmer then took us round the actual dairy.

We then saw the men tip the milk into a large tank which ran through into the pasteurising machine. Then it was taken to the bottling machine. The bottles were run off onto a running board where a man stood, put them in a crate, and took them into a cold storage room. We saw how the bottles were washed and cleaned in a special machine for the

purpose. We were in the dairy one and a half hours. We walked back to school across the

Christmas Term Examination Results

We only display the six brightest young things in each class

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1. Donald Bristow
2. Audrey Richards
3. Gussie Poole
4. Leslie Hillman
5. Helen Young
6. Adrian Critchley

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1. John Aston
2. Edward Harrison
3. Albert Waldron
4. Eloya Wagon
5. Robert Reynolds
6. Sydney Bell

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1. Kathleen Dunn
2. Oliver Titcombe
3. George Star
4. Leonard Evans
5. Doreen Edmonds
6. Sylvia Reynolds

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1. Leon Combling
2. Jack Viner
3. David Heat
4. Joan Hetherington
5. Jim Radway
6. Marion Cox

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1. Marna Barrett
2. Ronald Truman
3. Phyllis Jones
4. Lorna Woodgate
5. Leslie Johnson
6. Donald Maalen

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1. Roy Fletcher
2. Elsie Stevens
3. Betty Combling
4. Clifford Titcombe
5. Peter Bullock
6. Ethel Duck

SPORTS

NETBALL

We are glad to report that up till we are having a very successful season. After Christmas, we are sorry to say, our team will be weakened unless the girls who can leave return to school for a time. We all hope they will return and help to obtain champion position once again and fill up that gap on the walls of the School Hall.

Nov 19th Commonweal Secondary School v Sch

A keenly contested game and little to choose between the teams.

Result 14-10.

Nov 16th Marlborough Grammar School v Sch

A most enjoyable match in spite of the fact the Marlborough playground was flooded. We were delighted to have once again a win over these friends we always enjoy playing.

Result 20-24.

Nov 23rd Putton v School

This was our first league match so we were most anxious to record a win. Every girl gave of her best and we believe Putton will allow were worthy winners.

Result 14-29.

Dec 10th School v Highworth.

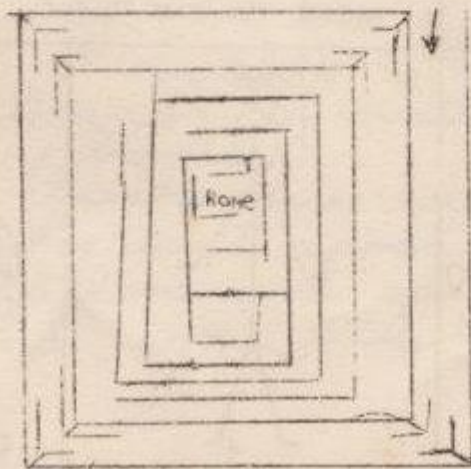
This match is always the most keenly contested one of the season. Every girl was keyed up for the ~~season~~ occasion and played well. Much to our joy we won the match. But then, how could we have lost, with Josephine's rabbit leg in with her own!

Result 22-15.

En passant.

Congratulations to Joan Hobbs (who left at Trip) on so soon becoming a member of Messrs Wills' Hockey Team. The other day she scored a goal against the team for which one of our teachers was playing. Even she couldn't stop her!!!

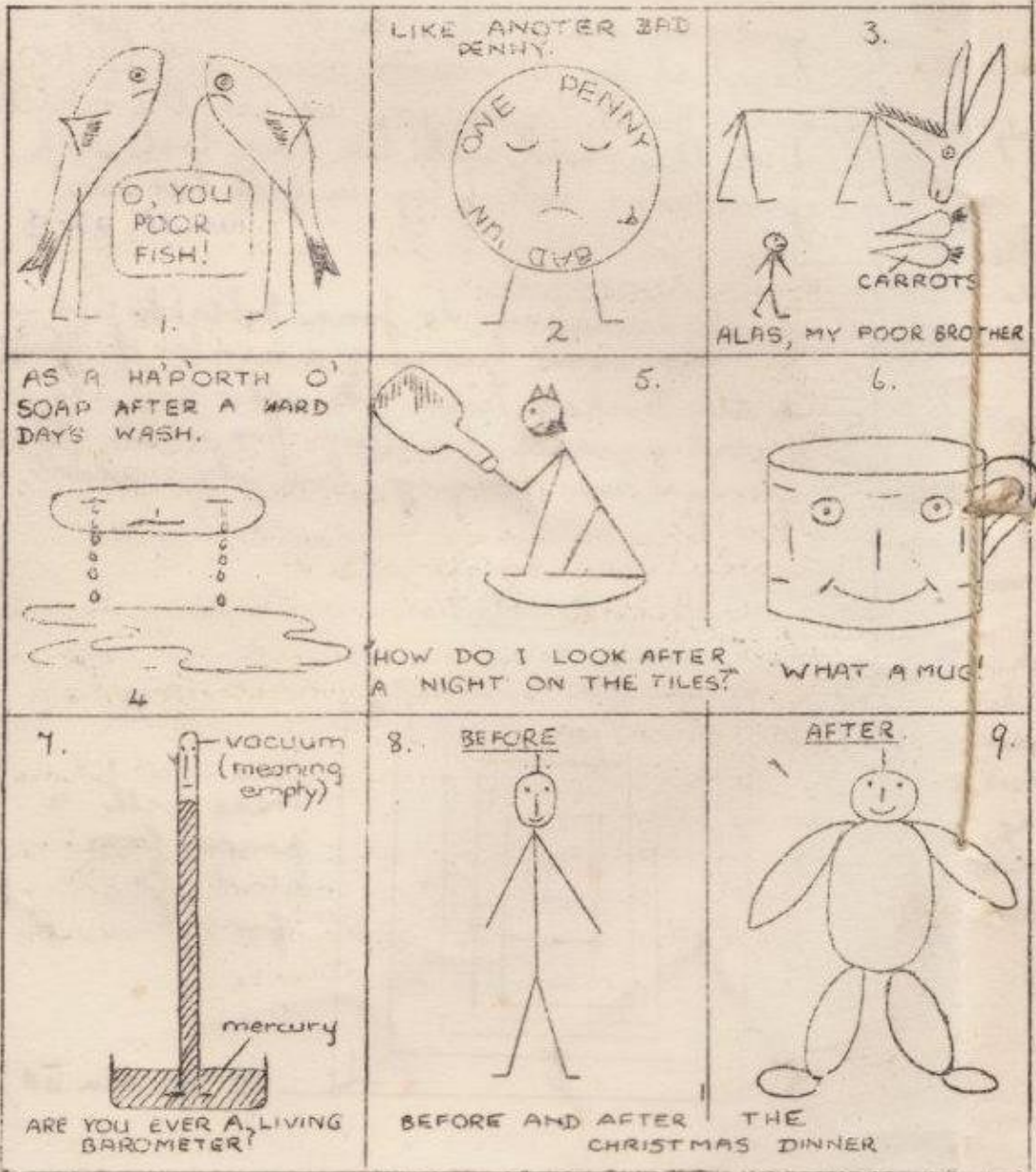
AMAZING!



Trace with a pencil from start to finish.

(R. True-man II A)

WAYS AND MEANS OF "SEEING OURSELFS AS OTHERS SEE US."



Nature Notes for the Month 13

Nature hasn't noted very much this month.

She did see the following however

1. A bedraggled-looking thrush sitting on a wireless pole.
2. Leeks and onions being sold in a greengrocer's shop.
3. A boy who fell into a bog at Kingsdown Park.
4. About a hundred shepherd's purses in the school garden on November 12th.
5. Thirty-three and a third shepherd's purses in the garden on November 16th. (This number may not be absolutely accurate.)
6. A daffodil bulb with a shoot.
7. Yet another hundred shepherd's purses in the school garden on November 27th.
8. A branch of mistletoe without any berries.
9. A beech tree with one leaf on it.
10. Yards and yards of blue sky.
11. Gallons and gallons of rain.
12. And some pine trees.

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A Short Story

The Haunted House

The house was small, dingy and old. It was situated on one of the lonely Yorkshire Moors.

"Shall we stop here?" said one of the two men on horseback. "Yes," said the other, "I could do with a night's lodging and some food." The two men, Jake Tarron and Mike Mullier, had been travelling many days with a small supply of food and water. They were outlaws, and had been wrongly accused of house-breaking, and were now being chased by police. They thought they knew who did it, but couldn't prove it. Now, that very night the man whom they suspected had vanished.

They got off their horses, tied them to a tree, and walked up. "Somehow I don't like the looks of this house," said Jake. "Bah!" exclaimed Mike, "come on". "But" - protested Jake. "Bah!" said Mike - all of a sudden. A low moaning sound could be heard, coming from the house then - a scream rang out, a girl's scream. Then - silence reigned once again.

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"Come on," said Mike, "we've got
trains, let's see what happened. Go
together the two went to investigate.
They were very surprised to find
that the door was slightly ajar.
They walked in, and first looked
around, in front of them was an
old woman dressed like a witch.
"What do you want?" she croaked,
"blow out - or you'll die"
"Out of the way woman," said Jake
and he stabbed her with his
knife. She dropped down, nearly
dead. The two went up a few old
creaky stairs. They were near the
top, when another scream rang
out, this time in a room just
in front of them. The door were
exasperated, and opened the door
of the room, but, very surprising,
it was empty.

Then as if from nowhere a
figure clothed in white, gun in
hand, appeared just in front of
them. "Now," she said, "I'll teach
you not to interfere. Get ready,
you will now die."

Then, just as he was going to
shoot, five constables entered. "Drop
that gun!" commanded the chief.

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The stranger dropped it. Mike stepped forward towards the police. "We are innocent," he said, "we are not..."

"Alright," said the officer, "we know the truth; that's the culprit." He pointed to the man in white.

The Police had learnt the truth from the old lady. "You killed her" said one of them to Mike, and she said that the stranger has captured a girl in that little room next to here. They all entered the room, and there was the girl tied up, and also the stolen goods were there. The old lady had told the man to do this to Mike and Jake was set free - Free at last!

(R. 3 October 1921)

Fill or lure.

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Some folks have the headache;
Some folks have the flue—
Nighly toss and stay awake
And know^{not} what to do.

Send them for their doctor
To cure them of their ill,
He gives them nasty medicine
And very bitter pills.

My cure is jolly "Pottage"—
Full of fun and thrills,
Fit for Hall and cottage—
It melancholy kills.

(C. Cole II A)

- "When good works are discreetly
observed they are of sovereign power and
virtue" - Boccaccio
- "Hack - Work: literary drudgery for
which a person is hired by a publisher,
as making dictionaries, etc." Chambers
Dictionary

Plans.

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Stamps

When the British Army goes on active service soldiers letters pass free of charge through the military field post offices, but in times of Peace "Tommy Atkins" has to pay postage, as you and I. The one exception to this rule is in Egypt: where a special postal concession is granted to the army of occupation. A year or two ago, when postage on letters from Egypt to England was raised from the equivalent of 1½d to 2½d, the military authorities entered into an arrangement with the Egyptian post office for a distinctive label or letter seal, to be sold by army canteens at a cost of one piastre, which was to be accepted in full payment of postage, provided such letters are posted in the regimental letter boxes. These Military postal seals are usually found on the backs of envelopes and already, there are five or six different kinds to be collected.

(W. Laidlaw III R.F.)

The Evening School Social

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This, the tenth event of our annual jolly function will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday the 15th January, in the New Year. We shall ~~make~~ it again on similar lines to former years: with games, competitions, music, the minimum of speeches, and the maximum of refreshment. The charge to all will again be sixpence. No tickets can be sold after the 15th January.

We hereby make an invitation to all the School Managers; to any of the teachers of our contributory junior schools; to all the winners of the special medals in past years (Please wear them); to all Evening School students who attended at all during December; to the top boy and girl in each class of the Senior School; and under their respective Head Teachers approval, to the top boy and top girl in the Xmas Test of each junior school. Also we would heartily welcome any other who is associated with the school in any official capacity.

May it be possible for the donors of the two medals to make personal presentations to the honoured boy and honoured girl of 1935. For that would be fine.

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Stamp Collecting Football on Stamps

There are some fine stamps celebrating the World's Football competition, which was played off in Italy some time ago.

Teams from U.S.A., Germany, Austria, Greece, Spain, and other countries took part. The final was played at Rome, between Italy and Czechoslovakia, and was won by the home side, who were presented with a gold cup by Signor Mussolini.

There are nine Italian football stamps, five for ordinary postal purposes, and four for airmail stamps only.

Hungary gave us our first football stamps, as part of a series sold in aid of her national athletics association in 1925.

A Bulgarian, "Alex James," appears on a stamp issued in connection with the Balkan Olympiad, held in Sofia four years ago. - Shall we ever see a picture of the Arsenal team on our own postage stamps? I wonder.

(J. Brown III A1)

Vocational Guidance.

This means 'how to get a job!' Under the wish of the County Education Committee, the Swindon Juvenile Employment Bureau has very kindly extended its field of work to include the cases of the leavers of the Stratton and Wroughton Senior Schools.

Already Mr Jones the local officer of the Bureau, has been to this schools and explained to the leavers the facilities offered to them; and the procedure to be followed. Moreover, knowing Mr. Jones, relieved the leavers of any false fears they may have had of a bogey being at the office.

The parents of the leavers are now being invited to meet the Juvenile Employment Committee here on the 18th December. It is much regretted that some will have to^o far to come, even from Seven Bridges and Warborough Tythe. But it is central; and to your benefit, - at least we believe and hope, - and only once in a life-time; and you will reap into the school that is your child's second home.

The Committee hopes to find occupation for your boy or girl without delay, and is particularly concerned that square pegs shall not go into round holes. So please kindly come along and help them!

24/ To our friends abroad
A Very Happy Christmas to Basil Davis who
is in the Bath Orthopedic Hospital, to Phyllis
Cooper and Eric Carter who are at Savernake
Hospital.

We are sending you a copy of the
magazine because we are sure you would like
to see it again and to say we haven't forgotten
you.

We hope Father Christmas visits
you and brings you everything you are
wishing for. May the New Year bring you
happiness and sunshine all the way. Everyone
too hopes you will soon be well and back with
us once again.

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- 1 Marjorie Parker
- 2 Marguerite Neale
- 3 Joan Fuller
- 4 Mavis Cox
- 5 James Brown
- 6 Betty Atkinson

And glory shone around.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. Especially, a merry Xmas: for Xmas coming first, it is well to make sure of it in earnest of what will follow.

However, this cannot be, nor will Christmas be half so jolly unless you are really sure that the good old smiling-faced Father of it all is with you.

Oh yes, he does come: but perhaps not to you. His presents show his presence, so do not kid your clever self that he can't come. He surely can: though he never came to me when I was telling you, till I was quite grown up. Now he is so clear that I see right through him when he comes my way then he just opens up with a huge bearded smile: and leaves his hallowed presence with me. So do, do let him come to you, too, or you will never grow up. Not properly!

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